THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Representation from C.S.S. Section Officers' Association

3066. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representation has been made to the Department by the C.S.S. Section Officers' Association regarding the faulty implementation of the Board of Arbitration's Award in C.A. reference No. 7 of 1984;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are considering the amendment of the orders so that justice could be done to the affected Section Officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The representation received from the Association is under examination.

Priorities in 8th Five Year Plan

3067. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that guidelines and priorities have been visualised for Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the guidelines and priorities of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what spadework has been done by Government to formulate Eighth Five Year Plan based on these guidelines and priorities?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The guidelines and priorities for the Eighth Five Year Plan will be set out in the Approach Paper which is under preparation. The detailed spadework on the formulation of the Eighth Five Year Plan will follow.

Non-functioning of weather observatory at Central Telegraph Office, Shimla

3068. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the country's oldest weather observatory situated at the Central Telegraph Office in Shimla has stopped operating; and

(b) if so, what were the main reasons therefor and what are the alternative measures being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A full-time departmental observatory has been established at Shimla since 23rd December, 1987. With this, the old part-time observatory functioning at CTO Shimla has been closed down.

Ordnance Factories

3069. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the locations for the establishment of proposed four ordnance factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sagar in Madhya Pradesh was selected as far back as 1960 for one of these factories but extraneous considerations have led to its exclusion; and